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PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

Sir:

Please amend the above-identified application as follows:

IN THE CLAIMS

Please substitute the following amended claims 3, 7, and 9 for corresponding claims 3, 7, and 9 previously presented. A copy of the amended claims showing current revisions is attached.

- 3. (Amended) A system according to claim 1, wherein the price information dissemination unit is connected to a second trading system.
 - 7. (Amended) A price dissemination unit according to claim 5, further comprising: means connected to a second trading system.
- 9. (Amended) A price dissemination unit according to claim 5, wherein the message comprises the following information:

information identifying the unit;

contract type;

time during which the contract is valid; and

price.

REMARKS

Attached hereto is a marked-up version of the changes made to the claims by the current amendment. The attached page is captioned "Version With Markings To Show Changes Made."

Prompt and favorable examination on the merits is respectfully requested.

Respectfully submitted,

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VERSION WITH MARKINGS TO SHOW CHANGES MADE

IN THE CLAIMS:

- 3. (Amended) A system according to [any of claims 1 or 2] <u>claim 1</u>, wherein the price information dissemination unit is connected to a second trading system.
- 7. (Amended) A price dissemination unit according to [any of] claim 5 [or 6], further comprising:
 - [-] means connected to a second trading system.
- 9. (Amended) A price dissemination unit according to [any of claims 5-8] <u>claim 5</u>, wherein the message <u>comprises</u> [comprise] the following information[.]:
 - [- Information] information identifying the unit;
 - [-] contract type;
 - [-] time during which the contract is valid; and
 - [-] price.